

**35th Annual Challenge Cup
Baker to Vegas Relay – March 23-24, 2019**

First Team Captain's Meeting, October 17, 2018
Los Angeles Police Academy
1880 Academy Drive, LA CA 90012
Race Coordinator Chuck Foote called the meeting to order.

The following were introduced:
2019 Race Committee: LAPRAAC Director Chairman of the Race Committee & Race Director; Detective Ruben Gonzalez.

2019 Race Rules Committee:

Ruben Gonzalez, LAPD Race Director and Chief Judge
Sam Zirky, Analyst
Frank Reilman, (Retired Burbank PD)
Rogelio Maldonado, (LA Dist Att. Office)
Andrew Lee, (Ret. LASD)
Kathy Meek (LAPD)
Dave Miklos(Retired LASD)
Patricia Larrigan (Retired Glendale Police Dept.)
Race Coordinator & Co-Founder: Chuck Foote, (Retired LAPD)

2019 Volunteer Coordinators

Communications	Joy Matlack, Margie Hoffman & Jeff Lee
Medical Radio Net	Peter Benjamins
Light Towers	Matt and Aida Kuckowicz
Medical	Dr. Troy Pennington & Robert Sebree
Motors	Larry Wehage
RV Support	Lisa Villa
Awards	Barbara Ginn

Guests

Javier Rodriguez National Life Group 562-237-3683 javier@nlgagents.com
They have done a wonderful job of raising money for teams with Fund Raising BBQ's
At the end of the meeting they gave away An Amazon Tablet in a raffle

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Omni Communications West: Karen Whisenhunt & Ann-Marie White 702-362-8245
Radio Rentals www.omni-west.com

Race Director

Ruben Gonzalez spoke to assembled Team Captains thanking for their participation and should they have any questions feel free to contact him.

Review of 2018

- 275 teams started 275 finished the race. Record number of teams by (1)
- International teams: RCMP, and Calgary Police Canada
Belize National Police
- Here are a few statistics: 6600+ runners; 4000+ support personnel; 5500 vehicles
- To support this effort: 1000 Race Support staff. Close to 100 on duty law enforcement from California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Sheriff, Nye County Sheriff, Nevada Highway Patrol and the Las Vegas Metro Police Department.
- Summary of Rule Violations:
 - 3.4 a (3) No catcher at Exchange point
 - 3.7 (1) Failure to follow instruction
 - 3.9 (2) Unsafe speed in exchange point
 - 4.3 a (12) Downed Runner lowest number in many years
 - 4.3 b (1) Failure Obs to print name on Run Log
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 - 4.5 (5) Bib number not displayed
 - 4.14 (4) No flashing Vest
 - 5.4 b (1) Did not respond to FRS radio call
 - 5.5 (1) Use of Sound system were not permitted
 - 5.10 (1) FV unsafe pass
 - 5.14 (2) Vehicle Code Violation
 - 5.15 (3) Vehicle Unsafe passing
 - 5.19 (2) Shoulder parking
- **Injury report:** Six total were transported to hospital along with (1) non-race related: (2) by ground to Pahrump; (1) by ground to Barstow and (3) flown to Las Vegas.
- Detail account of Heart Attack situation. Officer is alive today because of the fast action by our Medical staff, the preparation by the Operation staff to have all

assets needed for just such a situation, and his own team who carried an AED unit if the Follow Vehicle.

- **RV Support** reported the exchange points worked without too many problems.
- **Motor Support** reported very few problems. Escort and traffic enforcement are their primary responsibilities.
- **Radio Communications.** Deployed 330 hams. The Ham's continue to act as our main source of Emergency Communications and as back-up timing. The race required the coordination of over 600 radio frequencies.
- **Ham Safety Patrol.** Over the first eight stages, sixteen Amateur Radio Operators were deployed to observe and report any medical problems involving the teams. This additional layer proved very successful in spotting problems and reporting to Medical Dispatch.
- **Medical Communications.** The MRN was established to provide entire race course communications. This was done in cooperation with AMR Las Vegas. A Medical Communications Dispatch Center was located at the Westgate Hotel next to the Race Command Post. This unit was staffed with experienced, skillful emergency operators who kept their calm and coordinated all of the medical resources. Thanks Riverside Sheriff's Dispatchers & Alex Harris and LASD Dispatcher Chris Storey!
- **Volunteer officers.** Were great especially those who were used as the OIC at stages
- **Race Timing.** The Overall team times were posted at the Awards Ceremony. The Individual times were completed in two weeks and posted on the web site.
- **On-line registration.** This procedure continues to be the best way to list the runners in the order in which they will run. Team Captain must insure that after the race is concluded they update their team runner's names in the order they ran.
- **Light Towers.** Your Volunteer drivers did a great job. Follow up will be done to solve difficulties with the proper placement of the Light Tower at the Exchange points.
- **Ice and Water stations.** Water stations were set up at 1, 2 and 3 mile marks. Did your runner drink the water? Ice was delivered to the first nine stages for Medical.
- **Finish Line.** This operation ran without too many problems.
- Official Web Site; www.bakervegas.com

Downed Runner

We had 12 reported “Downed Runners”. This is a significant decline in numbers from the past (2017) we has 23. Follow Vehicle personnel are recognizing problems faster and taking proper action along with excellent weather conditions.

International Team(s)

Returning in 2018 were our friends from the Great Northwest; a Women’s team from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, along with a RCMP from “K” Detachment Edmonton, and from Calgary Police Service both men and women teams and the Belize National Police. These are all great tributes to appeal of this event.

Host Hotel

The Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino has a very special room rate.

- Special The Early Bird rate will expire on January 14, 2019
- Last year the room block was gone prior to the Early Bird date

LAPRAAC Trademark

Chuck addressed the group regarding the issue of the trademark. Teams are allowed to use the logo for team shirts and other items as long as they are used for team use and not for public sale. All events using the trademark must secure prior approval. There is a form on the web site for those who wish to use the logo in this fashion. Please send in your proposed artwork or other requested use of the Trademarks to:
Ruben Crane by Fax (323) 222-5949.

Chuck Foote-Race Coordinator

Chuck spoke about the necessity of PLANNING and setting a *Team Goal*. How to be a great team captain: What are the key features of success: Administrative duties: fund raising, establish a budget, support team, vehicles, uniforms, etc. **Training:** how to get people to run? Time trials, road races or just run with them. **Enthusiasm:** posting times, involve the entire department, barbeque, and cookie sales. These are just a few ideas that keep the team together.

With the Internet today, no one should be uninformed. Keep the communications wide and open. Do you have your team in an address book?

Entry Fee

- The entry fee for this year’s race is \$2200.00
- Make check payable to the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC)-Baker to Vegas
Mail to: LAPRAAC- Baker to Vegas, P O Box 861148, Los Angeles CA 90086-1148
- Entry Fee due no later than December 5, 2018
- **For any “new” teams Due date is November 1st**

Changes for 2019.

Rules Book changes

Side window of FV must have reflective number

Change difficulty of Stage # 15 to toughest

Rule Book 2019

- The Rule book for the upcoming race is updated and posted on the web site.
- Cut-off date for new employees will be January 1, 2019
- Cut-off transfer date for LAPD will be DP# 13 12-23-18
- All Invitational Categories will require at least (2) non-sworn runners
- All runners must be “Full-Time” employees Sworn or Non-Sworn or Reserves
- Must be finished by 0900 hours and must be through Stage # 18 by 0700 hours or team become UN official and removed from the course.
- All Catches will need to be wear a Team Bib Number pinned to a reflective vest.
- Size of Follow Vehicle. No larger than standard 15- Cargo Van
- Categories with less than (6) teams will be eliminated.

Start Times

- In order to assure the safety of the race participants and the users of the highways in Nevada, the race will continue to use a staggered format
- 9 Starts beginning at 0800 through 1600******10 Start Times with the addition of 1700 is very likely. Only those teams who can break 15 hours will start at 1700**
- California Highway 127 will **not** be closed to other traffic during our event
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Road Construction Hwy 160

The State of Nevada has started a road project to finish the 4-lane divided highway from Stage # 17 to the top of Mt. Springs Pass. The Mt. Pass construction has begun; more information will follow.

Volunteer Officer

- Each team will submit one of their personnel to work on behalf of the overall race as an official.
- Do not submit an individual who is working the race from a Volunteer Group
- This assignment will last anywhere from 7-9 hours 10 hours at the first few stages.
- The priority of the assignment will be given in the order of the paid entry fee

Race Categories

- **Open Division** any gender/any age. Sworn only
- **Mixed Division** minimum of (5) female runners. Sworn only
- **Women Division** all female runners; pick from entire agency. Sworn only
- **800 years Division** ages of runners must total 800. Sworn only
- **300 Division** agencies with less than 300 sworn personnel. Sworn only
- **150 Division** agencies with less than 150 sworn personnel. Sworn only
- **99 Division** agencies with less than 99 sworn personnel. Sworn only
- **Station** Geographic Station can only use those sworn personnel assigned to the Station. Sworn only

All Invitational Categories will require at least (2) non-sworn runners

- **Station Inv** combination of sworn and civilian personnel assigned to the Station.
- **Inv Division** combination of sworn and civilian personnel who are full time employees of that agency
- **Mixed Inv** combination of sworn and civilian personnel with a minimum of (5) female runners who are full time employees of that agency
- **500 Inv** Agencies with less than 500 total Sworn and Civilian personnel
- **Invit 800** This is a combination of sworn and non-sworn along with total years of 800
- **Invit 800 Mixed** combination of sworn and civilian personnel with minimum of (5) female runners who are full time employees of that agency. Runners combined age 800 years or more
- **Guest** Any team invited by the Rules Committee

***** Red highlight reflects Category in that may be in doubt due to lack of numbers

Running Baton

We will continue to list “End of Watch” race related personnel and their special numbers on the Race baton. We will also place an EOW photo on your Bib Number.

Team Composition

Any team interested in combining with any other agency or unit MUST write the Rules Committee with a justification. This should include the number of sworn personnel, chain of command and why it is necessary. A combined team may use up to a maximum of (4) contiguous agencies.

Retired Personnel

Teams are welcome to use retired Sworn or Civilian personnel. The rule is as follows:

1. They must have retired from that agency, Division or Station
2. Must have retired in Good Standing
3. A letter must accompany the request from Personnel Officer or Chief of Police indicating the above

Race Communications Seminar

December 5, 2018 from 0900-1130 at the Academy Lounge. I encourage you to come to the seminar and bring your Communications team with you. Points of discussion will be options to use: Ham radio; CB radio; Department equipment; Cell phones; Rental radios or APRS systems. Date to coincide with the T/C Meeting.
RSVP max capacity of the room is 150 people.

Suggested Training Races

Chuck pointed out the need to take the key members of your running team to as many races as possible. Training is NOT racing. You must race a few times to understand just how hard you can push yourself. If you know of races please make me aware so I can notify all team captains.

Training Races

Los Angeles Sheriff's Annual Mug Run Series. This is a great team training opportunity. Mug Race dates.

Go to: www.lasaa.org

The Race Rules Committee meets as often as necessary to review the rules and improve the race. If you have any suggestions please forward them to:

Outlook for the future

Intro Tony Adler, Race Coordinator beginning 2020. Tony will be working directly with me to learn as much as possible on the How's and Why's regarding the race. I will continue to assist for the foreseeable future.

Good luck

Next meeting: December 5, 2018

Sincerely,

Chuck Foote, Race Coordinator.

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